

What is claimed is:-

- 1 1. In a video recording device, a method for playback at a speed faster than
2 normal playback speed for programming originating from film without loss of program
3 information, comprising the steps of:
4 identifying during playback repeated image information indicative of film original
5 material; and,
6 selectively dropping ones of said identified repeated image information to
7 increase a playback speed of said programming originating from film.
- 1 2. The method according to claim 1, further comprising selectively controlling
2 a number of said repeated image information dropped responsive to a user input.
- 1 3. The method according to claim 1, further comprising the step of
2 automatically calculating a rate at which said repeated image information must be
3 dropped responsive to a user input
- 1 4. The method according to claim 1, wherein said user input identifies a
2 desired time for completion of playback of a recorded presentation.
- 1 5. The method according to claim 3, further comprising the step of selectively
2 dropping said repeated image information at said rate that has been automatically
3 calculated.
- 1 6. The method according to claim 1, wherein said repeated image
2 information comprises redundant field pictures.

1 7. A digital video recorder facilitating playback of programming originating
2 from film at a speed greater than normal playback speed, comprising:

3 a digital video storage medium containing a record having programming
4 originating from film;

5 a decoder for decoding said record to form an uncompressed picture signal; and,

6 a display processor receiving and formatting said uncompressed picture signal
7 for an television display rate,

8 controlling said formatting to selectively drop redundant field pictures and
9 increase said playback speed of said programming originating from film.

1 8. The digital video recorder according to claim 7, wherein said display
2 processor formats said uncompressed picture signal for television display by
3 controllably duplicating pictures within said uncompressed picture signal produce a
4 television picture display rate.

1 9. The digital video recorder according to claim 7, wherein a controller is
2 responsive to a user input for selectively controlling a number of said redundant field
3 pictures that are dropped by said display processor.

1 10. The digital video recorder according to claim 7, wherein a controller
2 automatically calculates the rate at which said redundant field pictures must be dropped
3 responsive to a user input.

1 11. The digital video recorder according to claim 10, wherein said user input
2 identifies a desired time for completion of said presentation.

1 12. The digital video recorder according to claim 10, wherein said display
2 processor selectively drops said redundant field pictures at said rate that has been
3 automatically calculated.